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CANAL ZONE.

No deaths among employees of Canal Commission during month of November, 1904.

ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION,
Washington, December 2, 1904.

SIR: By telegram just received from Maj. Gen. George W. Davis, U. S. Army, governor of the Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama, we are advised that there have been no deaths among the employees of this Commission on the Canal Zone during the past month of November.

Yours, respectfully,

C. E. GRUNSKY,
Acting Chairman.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Precautions taken during September, 1904, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the insular territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports as follows:

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health.....	31
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin	0
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quarantine Regulations:	
Personnel	2, 791
Passengers	1, 136
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
Personnel	2, 028
Passengers	658
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws governing immigration:	
Aliens.....	499
Rejected.....	249
Baggage:	
Inspected and labeled	176
Disinfected and labeled.....	2, 222
Cargo and ship supplies:	
Shipment and transshipment hence was supervised by inspection, disinfection, storage, detention, and certification of shipping orders.	

WEEKLY REPORTS, OCTOBER, 1904.

Return of quarantinable diseases.—Week ended October 1, no cases, no deaths; October 8, no cases, no deaths; October 15, no cases, no deaths; October 22, no cases, no deaths. Last case plague reported, September 13, 1904; last case cholera reported, July 23, 1904; last case variola reported in colony week ended August 6, 1904.

Return of diseases contemplated in paragraph 67.—Week ended October 1, no cases, no deaths; October 8, enteric fever, 3 cases, no deaths; October 15, enteric fever, 1 case, 1 death; October 22, enteric fever, 7 cases, 4 deaths.

Return of quarantinable diseases.—Plague, 9 cases, 9 deaths; Cholera, no cases, no deaths; variola, 1 case, 1 death (arrival); others, no cases, no deaths.

Return of diseases contemplated in paragraph 67.—Diphtheria, 2 cases, 1 death; enteric fever, 8 cases, 3 deaths; others, no cases, no deaths.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.—Number of emigrants per steamship *Coptic* sailing October 15 for San Francisco recommended for rejection, 36.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 26, as follows:

During the week ended October 22, 1904, one supplemental bill of health was issued and 1 vessel was inspected; there were also inspected 132 crew, 22 cabin, and 18 steerage passengers, together with 32 pieces of personal baggage. Two immigrants of the steerage class were inspected and passed, and one case of tuberculosis in the person of an American cabin passenger was entered on the bill of health of the steamship *Coptic*. Manifests were viséed for 1,919 pieces of freight.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week among foreigners, enteric fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 2 cases; among Chinese, smallpox, 3 deaths; diphtheria, 1 death, and tuberculosis, 31 deaths. The total reported mortality was, foreigners, 1; Chinese, 129.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports except one case of smallpox at Chefoo, already reported.

The following-named ship carrying aliens was inspected at Shanghai, China:

October 19, ship *Coptic*, bound for San Francisco: Steerage passengers inspected and passed, 4 Shanghai, 14 through; pieces of large baggage inspected and passed, 32; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection, none.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Sanitary conditions—Malarial fever on schooner Major Pickands, from Philadelphia.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillan reports November 29 as follows:

During the week ended November 26, 1904, two vessels were inspected at this port and bills of health issued for the United States. Total crew, 104; cabin passengers inspected, 6, and 72 steerage passengers in transit for Santiago de Cuba. The vessels were in good sanitary condition; no sickness aboard. No quarantinable disease has been reported at this port during this week. The schooner *Major Pickands*, which arrived here from Philadelphia on November 20, had a case of malarial fever among the crew, which was prescribed for and recovered.

The sanitary condition of this city exhibits a progressive change for the worse.

Report from Habana—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports November 30 as follows:

Transactions during the week ended November 26, 1904:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	19
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	717
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	298
Pieces of freight passed.....	750